

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 3
Columbia River Compact
February 21, 2013

Fisheries under review:

Treaty Indian winter gillnet fishery

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under permanent regulations, a winter gillnet fishery is open in Zone 6 from noon February 1 to 6:00 p.m. March 21. Gear is limited to gill nets, hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Allowable sales include sturgeon, salmon, steelhead as well as miscellaneous non-native fish.
- The area immediately downstream of Bonneville Dam is also open under the terms of agreements with the States during times when areas in Zone 6 are open.
- Preliminary harvest estimates in the 2013 tribal winter season fishery through February 20 are shown in the table below.

2013 Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Harvest					
Pool	Jan Setline	Winter Gillnet	Total	Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	15	563	578	1,100	522
The Dalles	6	96	102	1,000	898
John Day	25	751	776	1,000	224
Total	46	1,410	1,456	3,100	1,644

- Based on actual and projected catch, it is estimated that the John Day Pool harvest guideline will be met by the middle of next week.

Recommendation – John Day Pool

Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday February 27, 2013:

The commercial winter gillnet fishery in The John Day Pool will close.

- The platform and hook and line fishery in the John Day Pool will remain open for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in John Day pool may be retained for subsistence purposes.
- The current regulations for commercial fisheries in the Bonneville and The Dalles pools remain in effect.
- The tribes will continue to monitor the ongoing winter gillnet fishery and will make additional regulation changes as needed.